Transportation of food materials in Jammu and Kashmir

1626. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a huge corruption in transporation of food materials in various parts of country particularly in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the rates for the transporation of per ton/per truck food materials from Pathankot to Srinagar and Jammu to Srinagar during the last five years; and

(d) what are the reasons for delay in tender for transporation of food materials particular for Jammu to Srinagar when the date of prior tender has been expired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No such complaint has been received by the Government in the recent past.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Rates for transportation of per qtl. from Jammu and Pathankot to Srinagar for the last five years are as under:—

Year	Jammu to Srinagar	Pathankot to Srinagar
1999-2000	Rs. 76.00	—
2000-2001	Rs. 83.60	Rs.91.00
2001-2002	Rs. 96.60	Rs.94.75
2002-2003	Rs. 109.00	Rs.95.25
2003-2004	Rs. 123.15	Rs.89.44

(d) In accordance with the instructions issued by Central Vigilance Commission, the existing Handling and Transportation Model Tender From has been reviewed and a two bid system has been prescribed. The delay is due to some legal requirement.